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EPA announces:

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IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO STOP THE KITE OF
DISPUTE BY CERTAIN OWNERS, EPA CONSIDERS IT DUE TO ANNOUNCE THE
FOLLOWING:

EPA considers its purpose to disseminate information based only on facts and the true state of affairs, this until the time when the Estonian newspapers in the free world have again found their proper places in our community as impartial disseminators of news. They have now fallen onto the level of the occupation times when one could the truth only by reading between the lines.

Nationalistic Estonians behind the EPA can no longer remain only silent spectators while in the last few years they have observed the work of some of our people in some organizations founded by us, receiving the wiggling of the red worm into our Toronto Estonian community, into the community which until now has been considered one of the more immune castles against the communist propaganda of lies. We have nothing to learn from the yield-to-communists policy of the western countries.

EPA will continue to issue bulletins until the "sick teeth" have been extracted. This will naturally cause pain to several involved people and their friends, but helps to preserve the healthy ones who, being strong and willing to act, will form a compact Estonian community to fend off the next possible attacks by Tim Buck.

How such a national-political scandal could take place in Toronto, caused by our writers, artists and other leading persons will remain a riddle to everybody. Likely the motives why these people took such a shameful step will also remain a secret. Were they paid, or did they act because of ideological reasons? Were they frightened into this, or did they meet the red functionaries only because of petty desire for fame? Nothing is known! Nobody knows! Even our political organization, Estonian Central Council, does not know--it only wishes to remain silent.

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or is it forced to silence by some invisible force? One thing they nevertheless know and, after two special meetings of the executive, they have publicized their firm conclusion that the guilty ones in this scandal are not their friends Elbaum, Bernas, Ojas, Pihlas, Maclapenas who naively went to the secret meeting with the red emissary, R. Sirge, but instead the guilty party is the publishers of STA, who dared to lift the cloak of secrecy from the activities of some of our people, and informed with their bulletin #1 our exiled community which was in the dark.---"All cannons of accusation must be aimed at the publishers of STA" is the present slogan of our Credit Union, General Council and Newspaper editors, with the purpose of forcing us to silence the "man on the street", who is politically ignorant and unable to criticize our "higher society" and their actions.

The former soldiers cannot remain silent, nor in the lines of the spectators any longer. When, twenty years ago, we aimed our rifle toward the enemy at Maaksa, Luunja, Kavastu, Karva-Tareu or at Meristu, now by force of circumstances guns must be replaced by pencils, pens or the typewriter. Our biggest and most cruel enemy, communism, has not changed nor has it satisfied its appetite after brutally "by the sword" homeland of the Estonians, after enslaving our people, or after deporting them to Siberia. No, the red fingers are scratching themselves now after our exiles in the western hemisphere in order to destroy, break-up and shatter, just as they are doing to our people in the homeland.---This was the job R. Sirge was given by Moscow, to make contact and communicate with our intellectuals in Toronto. The E.S.U., S.A. and C.E.A. organizations were aware of those moves--but not our leaders. Can the gentlemen and ladies in our "higher society" still not smell the danger into which they are pushing our exiled group, if they prefer to defend their native friends and their actions with silence? Do you really believe that Sirge's blow below the belt remains the last? Do

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Do you not remember which "straight blows" (large equal-to straight) Mr. Suurvali aimed at Estonians in Stockholm? Can you not recall Macman's blows below the belt in New York or Sweden? Do you still believe that your geniuslike brains helped you flee from Estonia rather than Estonian soldiers who in their blood and sweat defended the battlefront so as to give you time to pack up and flee before the red onslaught of 1944, in September? Do you still not understand that it is "two the man on the street" to whom you owe your present positions in our community rather than your personal luck and ability?

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In order that nobody in our exiled group would have double thoughts we shall look back on events in connection with the red emissary Sirges' visits to the apartments of Elbaum and Berke. Nor is it without interest to look back on meetings in November, 1963 and Spring 1964 which may or may not be in connection with the present activities. The people listed below "the who is who" does not necessarily mean that one or another is red, pink, yellow or green--nevertheless this should remove the desire of future emissaries from Moscow to contact and disturb these people, since they have been warned.

Mr. H. Oja who is a member of the executive of the Estonian Writers' Association started in the late Fall of 1963 a collection among Estonians in Toronto in order to honor Dr. Ivar Grunthal from Sweden with an invitation. Since the majority of our compatriots did not know who Dr. I. Grunthal is, they remained rather cool and noncommittal w.r.t. H. "has action."

Nevertheless Dr. Grunthal arrived in Toronto and here a number of our intellectuals organized for him a reception with coffee in the living rooms of G. Puhm's church. Subsequently, numerous interesting facts have become apparent regarding the aforementioned person, who is the editor-in-chief of the periodical "Maha" and super-active writer,

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having translated humorous poems by red poets in Soviet Estonia, into Swedish. According to known information to Dr. I. Grunthal, the only Estonian who in the beginning of this year along with Folk-bladet sent a telegram from Sweden to Spain, the text of which was as follows: "Greetings to our colleagues who are perishing in fascist prison." Undersigned, Ivar Grunthal. This telegram was also printed prominently in some Estonian newspapers which are published in Sweden.

The general meeting of EOC was held on April 23, 1954 in the Estonian house. Heino Joe was elected chairman of the meeting. During discussion of usual problems and questions, a resolution was presented by S. Salurand-U. Jurimaa for the approval by the meeting to aid our battle against communism. The resolution was as follows: "the general meeting of EOC condemns propagation of ideologies of any kind of co-existence among the Estonian community in exile, as proclaimed by the previous council, i.e. anti-communist fighting, and abstention from any kind of contact with communist functionaries, including visits to the occupied home country". The following voted for the resolution: Salurand-Veidebaum-Jurimaa-Urra-Kala-Lupp-Heino, Kihna and Pralle, that is nine voices. Against the resolution, i.e. for co-existence with communists voted: Joe, Kareda, Pahapill, Herma, Pato, Trass, Nova ^{and} Pärkmaa, that is eight votes against. Announcing the result of the vote, chairman Heino Joe called it a shameful decision for the meeting. A protest was raised against this statement and H. Joe was removed from his post as chairman.--Let the above be an introduction to the events which started this Fall, on the 19th of September, when the eleven member cultural delegation from the Soviet land arrived in Toronto with a member of the disbanded T. T. T. Legion as one of the group.

After the delegation had settled in the King Edward hotel, the red writer from Soviet Estonia, who has been honored with red Order,

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contacted Salme Elkbaum, for whom he had a parcel and greetings from her sister Minni Nurmi. As we mentioned in the previous bulletin, Minni Nurmi is since 1944 a member of the Writers Union of the USSR and married to Adu Hints, member of the KOSR Presidium who was also an active participant in the June (1940) change of government and an "author of the people", crowned with Orders in the peasant Soviet Russia. The two sisters, Salme Elkbaum and Minni Nurmi, have a brother, H. Neumann, who is living in St. Catharines where he fled after the unsuccessful communist uprising in the republic of Ecopia in 1924. Sarge, having as a high guest from far away tested the kindness of the Elkbaums as hosts for two days in Toronto, also expressed the desire to meet others among our writers, artists, for which reason contact was made with Horne, Oja, Pihla and Naalapea. Supposedly, H. Oja phoned also many others among our intellectuals, but they supposedly refused to sit at the same table with the red functionary.

The people mentioned above met, however, in Horne's home in the Estonian apartment block on the 21st of September in the evening and left the party not until early morning of the following day, when the host, Sarge, drove personally his famous guest back to his hotel.

What was discussed at that meeting and what propositions were made, or accepted--nobody knows. Horne, however, as a member of the executive of EOC had betrayed the principles of our battle organisations, no matter what he would say, if he says anything at all to anybody? After that, stories started to move around among the Estonians in Toronto regarding this secret meeting, about which EOC and the representatives of the newspapers wished to keep silent from the public. Hundreds of our compatriots who were more or less aware of what had happened waited for seven days until it was decided to force our newspapers to publish the truth. It was for this purpose that the EEA bulletin was prepared on September 26th.

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At the same time that the facts were being given to the public, there was a meeting, a special meeting of the EEC executive in the Estonian House, where Mr. Berme had been invited to present his story. The chairman of the meeting was the present EEC president Mr. Parkma. As expected, there was a lot of discussion during the meeting, Berme asked to be relieved of the work of the executive, apologized for his native behavior, but did not submit to anybody any report in connection with the meeting with Sirge in his apartment. Therefore, subsequent announcements in the Estonian newspapers in Toronto are false and completely misleading to the public. More about this below.

At that meeting the trio Parkma-Prass-Toi were acting as defenders of K. Berme, using all kinds of legal tricks; it was also decided not to include in the agenda of the general meeting on October 3rd, the question about Berme, since the executive had already accepted his resignation and "the guilty one" would be forgotten by that time. In the interest of the public the meeting also suggested that this scandalous story should be subdued and softened so as not to give rise to panic among the people.

However, the situation changed on the following day, when the FFA bulletin had reached its readers. If you, the reader, will follow the subsequent editions of our newspapers in Toronto (reproduced on the reverse) you will convince yourselves how incomplete and inaccurate their statements in "The Free Estonian" are. Black Joe, alias Heino Joe, in his column "Singe ja Kover" (Straight and Crooked) puts everything into one kettle--be it the Russians, the communists or the publishers of the FFA. The main thing is that it is still unprinted and maybe this helps some native people to forget his speech delivered on February 21st, 1954 at the university of Waterloo, during the Independence Day celebration of the Estonian Republic. What a pity that H. Joe did not

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Waino was held at the time when we were on the battlefield in Turku giving him time to flee to Sweden.

ETA is in complete agreement with the editorial in "Free Estonia" of October 10th, under the heading "Our Position" by the "E.L.", with the exception of those ten lines in the middle where the author thoughtlessly calls the editors of the bulletin communists. This remark may have been caused by the pressure exerted by some business partner.

The editorials "Our Life" reflect, however, the slogan of the Estonian Credit Union and ECO, where it is thought that the death penalty is too light a penalty for the publishers of the ETA bulletin. The author of the editorial "Anonymity Should Not Be Ours" forgot his own professional ethics, leaving the article without any initials. Does he really believe that his editorial represents the broad collegium and the editorial staff of "Our Life"? -

The last resolution of the ECO executive sounds too dictatorial, where a small dictator submits his written memorandum to the executive for confirmation. The text is the following with a big heading: "Estonians in exile continue their struggle unchanged", the sub-heading is: "ECO condemns the anonymous bulletin and the spreading of gossip" in the two column article there is, however, not a single word said about who really caused this national big scandal in Toronto. Was it the publishers of WTA who, based on factual knowledge, informed our exiled group and forced our silent newspapers to this--or was it the traitors of our principles, ekbaums, eermes, ojas, pihlas, nakkapeks? It should be obvious even to a blind man that everything is now in order with our ECO executive which accepts its orders from our Credit Union--you as it should be in a morally politically sound Estonian community! And we are not afraid of your threats in the ECO just as we were not afraid of the enemy we quote "Siniimed", nor are we afraid that it may discover our thinking positions--we are now afraid of you!

Poor Rieke

or of other co-existentialists behind the writing desks in Moscow?

After the appearance of EFA bulletin #1 in connection with Shagal's attempt to drive a wedge among the Estonians in Toronto, many of our compatriots (at the moment 23 cases known) have received threatening letters from unknown people, where the texts are as follows: "Think of your relatives", "Stay away from the present occurrences", "If you do not refrain from attacking certain people, your friends and relatives will suffer", these are three of the known variations of threatening letters, written by hand as well as prepared on the typewriter. Maybe there are more? Does the EOC plan to protest to the embassies from Moscow? Had K. Herme been entrusted with more positions in our organisations, or only in the executive of the EOC? Which archive materials belonging to Estonians, and in what quantities, were these under the control of K. Herme on the 15th of October, 1964? EFA requests public answers to the Estonian community from the secretaries of the EOC in the two Estonian papers of Toronto "Free Estonian" and "Our Life" placed in a clear, easily seen position, in regards to the questions raised above!

October 16, 1964

In the fourth page of the bulletin, there are excerpts from Estonian newspapers. EFA asks its readers to observe the brief notices and small headings, when the misdeeds of the friends of the EOC were discussed, and the large heading and longer article, when the EFA bulletin was condemned.

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